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## GRACE CHURCH PEWS ARE BECOMING VERY COSTLY

One Recently Sold for More Than an Ordinary Dwelling Would Cost—Other Churches in Which High Prices Rule.

Many readers have probably heard of New York's famous Grace church, at Broadway and Tenth street, where there is a choir of "babies," ranging in ages from 4 years up, which church is said to be erected on land more valuable even than that whereon St. Paul's at London stands. Here it is the custom to offer by auction all pews which the present owners desire to relinquish, and which possibly may have been in their family ever since the church was built.

A few months ago pew No. 40, in the south transept of Grace church, was put up at auction in the New York real estate sales rooms for the trustees of the estate of the late Henry Ray. The bidding was started at \$500 and rose rapidly to \$1,000, when there was pause. Then some one offered another hundred and the bidding advanced to \$1,500, and was just about to be knocked down for this sum when Hamilton G. King sprung another \$50 and secured the pew.

On being asked if he was spending all this money for own religious comforts, Mr. King stated that he had purchased the pew for another person, but whom he refused to state. The pew is a "family" one and holds six, is upholstered in dark red, and, according to the auctioneer, comfortable enough to foster the highest forms of religious charity. The pews in Grace church, with few exceptions, are owned by those who occupy them, and when one does find its way into the market it is eagerly purchased by rich parishioners.

One of the most fashionable churches in New York is St. Bartholomew's, on Madison avenue. This is known as "The Vanderbilt's Church," for herein millionaires of that name worship. Pews in St. Bartholomew's can often be rented, but now seldom purchased, most of the pews being owned by the residents of "Millionaire Row," on Fifth avenue. Occasionally, however, a pew in this church has come under the hammer, when it has brought a considerable sum of money, as much as \$5,000 having been paid for six "sittings" near the pulpit.

In the Catholic Cathedral close by, pews are also sold at auction, at times, and, owing to the magnificent choir which this church supports, bring small fortunes.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

### FOR SINGLE LIST.

Mr. Swanson States Position on School Book Matter.

Hon. Claude A. Swanson who is a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, has issued the following open letter:

"To the Democratic Voters of Virginia:

"I have received many inquiries asking me to state my position upon the school book question, should I be elected governor of Virginia and thus

become a member of the State board of education, which has control of this matter.

"I desire to state to the voters of Virginia that my experience, both as a pupil and as a teacher in the public schools of the State, has convinced me that, as an original proposition, the single list is preferable. The adoption of such a list gives uniformity in the text books throughout the State, and hence, when pupils go from one district to another, or from one county or city to another, they are not forced to the necessity of purchasing new books, but can always use those in their possession.

"Again, the single list will result in saving to the people of Virginia a vast sum of money in the purchase of books as it is conceded that books under the single list can be furnished much cheaper.

"These considerations speak strongly in behalf of a single list. But, a sudden adoption of a single list under conditions now existing in Virginia would discontinue the use of a large number of books at present used and paid for by the people. I do not favor sudden and radical changes of books, with the inconvenience, losses and annoyances incident thereto.

"I would favor, as a member of the State board of education, reaching a single list as soon as it can be done without entailing such less inconvenience and annoyance.

"I desire further to say that if I should be elected governor and become a member of the State board of education, I would assume its duties absolutely free and untrammelled and with no purpose except to get the people of Virginia the best books at the best prices obtainable, and I would not consent to make a contract with any publisher for furnishing books, who would not agree to provide the people of Virginia as good books, both in a literary and mechanical sense, and as cheaply as are furnished to any other State in the Union.

"Very truly yours,

"CLAUDE A. SWANSON."

"Richmond, Va., April 22, 1905."

### Tiny Actress Disappears.

(By Associated Press.)

RACINE, WIS., April 22.—Ethel Hamlin, aged ten years, who has appeared on the stage in several cities, especially Atlanta, Ga., has disappeared from her home near here. Her mother, Mrs. George Crossman, believes that a relative who resides in the East has induced the child to leave home.



CHARLES B. HANFORD as "Don Caesar De Bazan."

## FOUR ARE ASPHYXIATED BY LEAKING GAS MAIN

Two Suffocated and Two More Who Go to Their Rescue Share a Similar Fate—Two Others Have Narrow Escape.

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURGH, April 22.—Four men were asphyxiated and two seriously overcome by gas today at the Edgar Thomson blast furnaces in Braddock. They were working in a brick tunnel 15 to 20 feet square, and about 20 feet under ground, connecting furnaces "C" and "D." The men perished in pairs, the second pair dying in trying to rescue the first. The men comprised a rigging and a machine gang.

### Repairing Leak in Gas Main.

They were repairing a gas main in the furnace yards between the two furnaces and had gone down in the tunnel to investigate a small leak.

Henry Meredith and Isaac Woomer went down first, descent being by means of a ladder. They went into the tunnel and were working in shifts because the air was foul and was considered dangerous.

When they did not come out Frank Kilgour went into the tunnel and was later followed by Frederick Knox, but the small leak at which the men were working seems to have become larger and all four were asphyxiated. Not hearing from the men, two men then went down and they were also partially overcome, but managed to reach the opening in time to save their lives.

Major Daingerfield Sold for \$3,000. NEW YORK, April 22.—Major Daingerfield, the winner of many famous

races and the holder of three-year-old championship in 1902, was sold to P. J. Dwyer, in the Fasig-Tipton auction sale of the horses of William B. Leeds and Andrew Miller at the Aqueduct race track today, for \$3,000. The stakes won by Major Daingerfield in the past four seasons were worth \$91,905.

### ATTACK WALLED CITY.

Moros Disperse Ball in Progress and Defy the Americans.

(By Associated Press.)

MANILA, April 22.—The walled city of Jolo was attacked by Moros on April 9. They fired into the officers' club and dispersed those present at a ball which was in progress. On April 10, the secretary of Governor Cott was ambushed and killed within range of the sentries.

A datto refugee from Borneo has organized the Moros, who are defying the Americans. General Leonard Wood has arrived at Jolo from Zamboanga and has given the Moros ten days within which to surrender the refugee datto. If this is not done he will concentrate a sufficient force to secure a compliance with his demands.

### Goodenough Insane?

(By Associated Press.)

ST. LOUIS, April 22.—W. B. Goodenough, aged 43 years, said to have been one of the best known outfielders in the Southern Baseball league 15 years ago, is detained at the City hospital pending an examination. Yesterday he walked into the city dispensary and asked to be sent to the hospital. Today he fought the hospital physicians, and after breaking his coat and a door, was handcuffed and placed in a cell. Goodenough begs to be taken to Memphis, Tenn., where he says his wife is living.

### Reflections of a Bachelor.

A man could give his wife lots more spending money if she didn't spend it all for him.

If there weren't any wedding trousseaus, girls would pretty much all give up trying to get married.

A woman can have an awful good time planning a trip to Europe that she knows she isn't going to take.

The most startling thing that can happen to a man is to get acquainted with how his wife figures the way it really is.—New York Press.

### His Idea.

Maw Hoptoad—Jahoz, what's this here "Scarlet Letter" I see mentioned so often in print?

Faw Hoptoad—The one the Senator's keener law partner failed to burn. I reckon.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### A Kiss.

A Van Buren girl described a kiss to her friend thusly: "It seems like a moonlight trip sailing on a banana, down a stream of lemonade to an ice cream festival." And all the poor boy could say was, "Gosh!" and then they clinched.—Arkansas Kodak.

## CAMEL STRONG ON TOTING, BUT WEAK ON THE PULL

Interesting Experiments Made at Madison Square Garden to Discover Strength of Various Animals—Some Records Broken.

Experiments were made yesterday at the Madison Square Garden in the hauling and pulling powers of different animals and man.

The men, animals and apparatus were loaned by the Barnum & Bailey Circus Company and the records were taken by E. N. Wood, the expert engineer of the Merritt & Chapman Wrecking Company.

An interesting fact brought out was that while the camel was valuable as a pack animal, it was practically useless for hauling purposes. The Siberian camel is the best and most rugged of any of the "ships of the desert," which are in use by man today.

Babe, the young pet elephant, last year succeeded in pushing with her head against a twelve hundred pound wagon, she brought the recording gauge up to 4,500 pounds. Yesterday with the same weight, she struggled until the gauge reached the 7,200 mark, thus making the world's record in the elephant class for powers of pushing. Babe failed to break her record of last year in pulling, which was 8,750 pounds, only succeeding in reaching the 6,000 pound mark on the gauge.

The baby elephant and her brother Albert tried to break their record in last year's pushing contest of 6,500 pounds, and succeeded in bringing the gauge up to 8,200.

At the last experiment a crowd of 100 men pulled the gauge yesterday 75 men only reached 8,000 pounds. The average weight of the men of last year was 120 pounds, and the average weight yesterday was 105.

Two horses of 1,600 pounds weight, who last year on a long pull brought the gauge up to 3,700, only in reaching the 3,000 pound mark. Four horses however, brought the scales to 6,000 pounds yesterday, which breaks their record of last year by 875 pounds. On the short pull of 20 feet they again broke their record and pulled the gauge to 6,000 pounds, making a gain of 250 pounds over last year.

The records which were made yesterday will be conclusive and will hereafter be used whenever science finds application for them.

The scale used was the regulation hydraulic gauge. Stakes were driven in the ground at the garden and to these one end of the scale was attached by irons, and at the other were the springs and ropes used for pulling against the scales.—Exchange.

### CHECK TO GERMANY.

M. Delcasse Reconsiders and Agrees to Withdraw Resignation.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, April 22.—Yielding to the personal solicitations and representations of President Loubet and the leaders of the government that his retirement would be a serious national peril at this time M. Delcasse today advised Premier Rouvier that he would

reconsider and withdraw his resignation as foreign minister.

M. Delcasse's staying in the cabinet is expected to result in a firmer attitude towards Germany than heretofore shown. The foreign minister's policy has been to give Germany adequate assurances that her interests in Morocco would be treated the same as those of the rest of the world, but, in making these approaches he did not desire to yield France's project concerning Morocco at the dictation of Germany.

This appears to have excited fears in high quarters that M. Delcasse's courteous but firm stand against Germany might lead to dangerous complications. Consequently his offer to resign was everywhere interpreted as a triumph for Germany, whereas his determination to remain is interpreted as a check to German designs. The feeling over Germany has naturally become much more acute as a result of the incident. Many deputies who have been interviewed on the subject say M. Delcasse's resigning at this time would be equivalent to making an open and humiliating concession to Germany.

### HUMAN ASHES STOLEN.

Dust of Japanese Student Disappears in Transit to Orient.

(Special to the Daily Press.)

ASHLAND, VA., April 22.—The ashes of Sangi Oyawa, the young Japanese student of Randolph-Macon College, who died last summer, and whose body was cremated, are thought to have been stolen in transit from America to Japan.

Dr. Blackwell, president of the college, has received a letter from relatives of Oyawa in Japan, saying that the package containing the ashes has not arrived, and expressing the belief that it has been stolen.

No information is obtainable concerning the motive behind the suspected theft of the human ashes. Oyawa left his native country after he had been converted to Christianity, and after estrangement with his father. Some time before his death, however, Oyawa became reconciled to his father.

### Saving Himself.

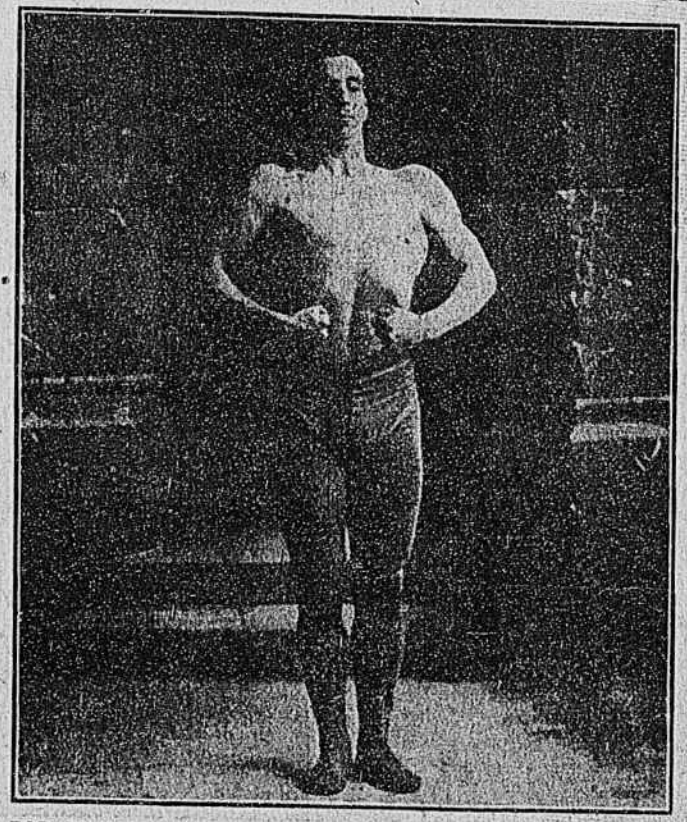
She—Well, then, if we must economize, I might do the cooking myself. He (hastily)—Oh! no, it's cheaper to keep a servant in the house than a doctor.—Philadelphia Press.

### Is Now Outclassed.

It must make Emperor William sick to read how President Roosevelt caught a wolf by the jaws and tore him limb from limb.—Chicago Chronicle.



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